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APG FOR CDR USATECOM. DARCOM FOR DRCIRD. PICATINNY FOR
APM TMAD XM1 AND TARADCOM FOR PM XM1 TKS/S.

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SUBJECT: TANK MAIN ARMAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. WE NOTE SEVERAL GERMAN PRESS ARTICLES (REFTEL) WHICH
IMPLY THE US HAS GIVEN UP ALL ATTEMPTS TO HARMONIZE CRITI-
CAL COMPONENTS OF THE XM1 AND LEOPARD II TANKS. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT EFFORTS ARE STILL UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE ADDENDUM TO THE 1974 FRG/US TANK HARMONIZATION MOU TO
ACHIEVE COMMONALITY OF COMPONENTS IN ADDITION TD THE GUN.

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2. SUGGEST THAT IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WASHINGTON CONSIDER
BROADENING ITS PUBLIC RELEASE ON THE TANK GUN DECISION TO
INCLUDE NOTING EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO HARMONIZE OTHER COMPON-
ENTS AND TO REPORT ON PROGRESS IN THOSE EFFORTS. BENNETT

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